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Representative Elmer Celebrates "Buy America" Legislation Becoming Law Joins Governor Kotek, Speaker Rayfield, and Representative Grayber for Bill Signing

SALEM, OR – Today, Representative Lucetta Elmer (R-McMinnville) attended the bill signing ceremony for Oregon's new "Buy America" law which she Chief Sponsored. Representative Elmer worked alongside Chief Sponsors, House Speaker Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis) and Representative Dacia Grayber (D-Tigard) during the 2023 long session to create this legislation.

Oregon's "Buy America" law, or <u>House Bill 3332</u>, mandates any state taxpayer-funded construction projects use steel, iron, coating for steel and iron, and manufactured products that are produced in the United States. The state's new Buy America requirements mirror federal provisions for federally funded construction projects.

"I am proud to have Chief Sponsored this legislation alongside Speaker Rayfield and Representative Grayber and to see it signed into law. As tensions remain high around the globe, it is vital that we prioritize American made products whenever possible. This commonsense legislation ensures we are investing in our local businesses while limiting our dependence on foreign markets," **said Representative Elmer.**

House District 24 is home to Cascade Steel Rolling Mills in McMinnville, a state-of-theart steel manufacturing facility that takes recycled metal and turns it into high-quality finished steel products.

<u>Click here</u> to read more about Oregon's "Buy America" law.

Photos of the bill signing are available upon request.